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WIGGINS ON TRIAL IN LAS VEGAS

Las Vegas, N. M., May 19—Joe Wiggins, who with Will Rogers has been indicted here by the San Miguel county grand jury on the charge of unlawfully entering a residence and assault, in connection with the famous Waldo Rogers kidnapping case, was placed on trial this morning in the district court. His attorneys demurred to the indictments, in that not less than four crimes are alleged in the indictment under which the prisoner has been arraigned. The attorney desired to know which of the charges his client was to be tried for. He said that his client would be willing to plead guilty to a charge of kidnapping, but that he would not do so to the charges of burglary and the other charges in the indictments.

Captain Fornoff, of the Mounted Police, claims he has plenty of evidence to convict Wiggins, and that as soon as the trial is under way, the public generally will understand the difficulties the officers surmounted in uncovering the proof.

A most sensational trial is anticipated. It is expected that Will Rogers will be the principal witness for the prosecution, and will relate all of the circumstances surrounding the case from beginning to end. The entire Rogers family has been subpoenaed as witnesses. The courtroom has been crowded, although the jury has not as yet been secured in the case.

Grasping at Straws in Last Efforts

Washington, D. C., May 19—Joint Resolution No. 14 regarding the granting of statehood to New Mexico and Arizona is the principal topic among the members of the house, wherever they assemble. One faction has advanced the argument that to adopt this resolution would mean the postponing of statehood beyond the summer of 1912, as this would be in effect the disapproval of the constitutions by congress, in which event the president could not act under the enabling act which provides that in case congress fail to disapprove, he may issue his proclamation admitting the states. Other members hoot at such an idea.

Oh, You Paddle

The Hines Patent Battery Tester is again attracting attention in Estancia. Several of our young men investigated it yesterday, all taking stock in the company. Several expert electricians around town took stock yesterday, declaring that the invention would revolutionize the electrical world in that batteries, supposedly dead are made as good as new. Oh, you paddle!

Apparently Proving Fatal

Santa Fe, N. M., May 18—A strange fatality seems to pursue the members of the constitutional convention. Though it is less than six months since it adjourned, three members have already died, the last victim being Atanacio Roibal, who died last night at Pecos at the age of 52 years, the other two preceding him being George Brown of Raton, a young man, and A. H. Harlee of Silver City, middle aged. Roibal had been chairman of the board of county commissioners of San Miguel county and held other positions in public life. He leaves a large family.

ROMERO SAWMILL NEAR TAJIQUE A TOTAL LOSS

The sawmill belonging to Eugenio Romero, located on land of the Pennsylvania Development Company, three miles northwest of Tajique, was entirely destroyed by fire yesterday, the conflagration beginning sometime during the night of Thursday. Just how the fire started is a mystery. One theory is that sparks from the ash heaps where slabs had been burned during the day were fanned into life by the high wind. Another is incendiarism. The former is thought the more probable.

A large amount of lumber, estimated at almost a million feet, was destroyed along with the mill. Sparks and flying embers distributed the fire over an immense tract of land, the property of the Pennsylvania Development Company, destroying some merchantable timber, and quite a growth of young timber. Fire fighters under Forest Ranger Gains have been working all day yesterday to prevent the further spread of the fire. About nine o'clock last night a telephone message from Tajique was to the effect that the fire was under control, and no further damage was anticipated.

Mr. Romero carried insurance on the lumber in the yards in the sum of eight thousand dollars. There was no insurance on the plant. The loss above the insurance will be between fifteen and twenty thousand dollars.

Notice

Any goods purchased from the Howell Mercantile Company will be delivered free to any part of the town. Give us a trial on your grocery order.

WILL LICK THEM IN THE SENATE

The following copy of a letter from Delegate Andrews was handed us by one of our citizens who is more anxious for "immediate statehood" than Mr. Andrews appears to be. Several copies of this letter have been received by Estancians, and apparently Mr. Andrews' mailing list needs revision, as a great deal of sport is being had over this circular. No doubt the Republicans, mentioned in the circular are head over heels in favor of "immediate statehood" when they give us the promise that the resolution will be "licked in the Senate" when by adopting the resolution and allowing New Mexico to vote on the amendment clause, statehood would be right at our doors. Why should they object to leaving the matter to a vote, when they claim a majority of 18,000 of the voters in the territory will be for it? That ought to be a sufficient majority to snow it under.

House of Representatives U.S.
Washington, D. C.
May 12, 1911.

My dear Sir:—

I am enclosing you herewith a copy of House Joint Resolution No. 14, as amended by the democratic House Committee on Territories. This was done by the democratic members of the committee, the republican minority members refusing to concur. The republican minority members of the committee will make a minority report, to simply approve of the constitution, same as my original joint resolution 295. They will report the resolution to the House tomorrow and of course it will pass the House with the aid of the steam rollers they will use on us, but the fight will begin in the House next Tuesday the 16th and the democrats claim they want three days to discuss it. It is a pretty tough proposition taken in all. The constitution of Arizona is amended in the section of the Recall of the Judges and Arizona will have to vote on this or else stay out. Of course the republicans will make a fight in the House to lick this democratic resolution, but as I have said above it will pass the House, but the Senate will knock it out and we will lick them in the Senate. This is the situation as it stands at present.

The above is brought about by those "Patriots," Ferguson, Jones, Hand, Magill and Co.
Yours very truly,
W. H. Andrews
Delegate in Congress.

Marriage license

A marriage license was issued yesterday to Charles Sumner Killough and Laura Byron Cagle, both of Woodward County, Oklahoma. They drove to Mountainair after securing the license, with their uncle S. B. Robinson. If they find a suitable location they will file homesteads.

Conditions of Peace

Mexico City, Mexico, May 18—President Diaz and vice president Corral will resign before June 1.

Minister of foreign relations Francisco de la Barra will become president ad interim.

Francisco I. Madero, jr., the revolutionary leader, will be called to Mexico City as soon as possible to act as de la Barra's chief adviser and as the greatest guarantee possible that every pledge made by the government will be carried out.

As viewed by the public, it would be virtually a joint presidency, pending a new election.

The cabinet will be reorganized. The minister of war will be named by de la Barra.

The foreign office will be in charge of a subsecretary named by him. Other cabinet members will be chosen by him and Madero jointly.

A new election will be called within six months.

Political amnesty will be recommended to the chamber of deputies.

The war debt of the insurgents will be paid by the nation.

These are the conditions upon which president Diaz will compromise. Virtually they are admitted in high quarters to be a complete surrender to the revolutionists.

RAG CHEWING CONTINUES IN HOUSE

Washington, D. C., May 19—The debate on statehood for New Mexico and Arizona has been continued till next Tuesday. It was thought this morning that it would be possible to reach a vote before night, but this could not be done without limiting the debate and this was not thought best. Notice has been given that the question will be called for Tuesday.

Representative Poehr of Missouri was the principal speaker in the debate today.

Fighting Near Mexico City

Mexico City, May 10—Reports of fighting to the south and southwest of here, are still being received. Buena Vista, capital of the state of Morelos, forty miles south of this city, a city of some 8,000 inhabitants is reported as surrounded by insurgents, and reports of the city being taken are looked for at any time. Couriers have been sent out notifying all the insurgent and federal commanders of the armistice which has been agreed upon.

MADERO NOT TO GO TO MEXICO CITY

Juarez, Mexico, May 19—Francisco I. Madero, Jr., provisional president of Mexico, has definitely decided to postpone his anticipated visit to Mexico City. The exact reason for the postponement is not known. There are rumors to the effect that the visit will cost him his life should he make the trip, as the feeling in the capital is bitter against him. Mr. Madero, in a statement today, said, "I am going to Mexico City as soon as arrangements for the culmination of peace negotiations are completed. I have faith in the federal government. There are rumors in circulation that an attempt will be made on my life. I do not take these at all seriously. But even if I knew it would cost my life to secure the freedom and peace of our country, I would not hesitate to go." But it has developed that he will not go at this time.

Federal government will pay debts

Porfirio Diaz is to resign as president and the Mexican federal government has agreed that the insurgents shall appoint 14 governors and three cabinet members; that the insurgents shall return to their homes with their arms; that they shall be granted amnesty for having been in arms against the government; all expenses of the revolution will be paid by the federal government; pensions are to be paid for deaths and wounds of insurgents the same as in the federal army; all federal army officers who have served with the insurgents are to be restored to their positions; all big landed estates are bought up and sold to the people in small lots, and taxes are to be equalized.

These things have been agreed to between the federals and insurgents. The conditions had all been acceded except the matter of resignation of Diaz. This came yesterday and electrified the insurgents throughout Mexico. Madero at once agreed to an armistice and judge Francisco Carbajal telegraphed to Mexico City for approval.

The taxation system in vogue in this territory is utterly rotten. This county comes nearer paying on something like an equitable valuation than most of the counties of the territory and yet we know where there is property assessed at less than ten per cent of its cash value while other property is assessed at forty per cent. The fact is too, that it is the man of small means as a rule, who pays the largest tax in proportion to his wealth while the opposite principle ought to prevail if any difference is made.—Farmington Times—Hustler.